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Attorney's Docket No. S-2491/DIV MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

N THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1621

KASUGA et al.) Examiner: Karl J. Puttlitz

Serial No.: 10/649,817

Filed: August 28, 2003

For: METHOD FOR REACTIVATING CATALYST FOR METHACRYLIC ACID

PREPARATION

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22314-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 17, 2004, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on September 17, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed with a petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee.

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.